Safe Drinking Water for Villages in Andhra Pradesh

1297. SHRl K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many villages/habitations in the State of Andhra Pradesh have partially been provided safe drinking water under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme;

(b) what is the number of villages/habitations that are being covered during the current financial year 2001- 2002, district-wise; and

(c) what is the number of villages where safe drinking water is yet to be provided, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) Rural Water Supply being a State subject, schemes for providing drinking water supply facilities to rural habitations are implemented by the State Governments with the funds provided under the State sector Minimum Needs Programme (MNP). The Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Government by providing financial assistance under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). Powers have been delegated to the States to plan, sanction and implement individual rural drinking water supply schemes.

As per the information received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh till 31-1-2001, out of a total number of 69732 rural habitations in the State, 50315 are fully covered and the remaining 19417 rural habitations are partially covered with drinking water supply facilities.

(b) and (c) About 5400 rural habitations is targeted to be covered with drinking water supply facilities by the Government of Andhra Pradesh during the current financial year. The coverage plan for 2001-2002 has not been fmalised. As per information furnished by the Government of Andhra Pradesh, there is no rural habitation in the State that does not have access to drinking water supply facility. However, there were 14260 quality affected rural habitations in Andhra Pradesh as on 1-4-1999, as reported by the State Government. District-wise information is not maintained at the Central level.